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1. There are many Sarts in the Soviet-backed Ining Government at Kuldja (Iningsien 81-17, 43-55) who ethnically belong to the Iranian Turks and who are Sunnite Mohammedans. Rumors are constantly going around Chinese Nationalist circles in Sinkiang that elements of these Sarts are planning to revolt. During May 1948, some of the Sarts who were in the Tihua (87-36, 43-48) area talked of revolt, but no definite plans for such an action are known to be formulated.

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2. There are approximately thirty Sarts from Sinkiang in Tientsin, the majority of whom arrived during the first three months of 1948. Several of them are natives of Kuldja and there are two whose identity is kept very secret.
3. These Sarts are on a recruitment mission for (? on behalf of) five or six Russian emigres, former military men, specialists in cavalry, tanks, machine gunnery and pioneering, who will be the instructors in the secret military training of Sarts in Sinkiang. [] a Sart, is in charge of this recruiting, assisted by [] a former guerrilla. The purposes of this recruitment are: (1) the organization of a revolt in Sinkiang against the Chinese National Government in order to drive all Chinese out of Sinkiang; (2) the union of all Mohammedans in Sinkiang; (3) the eviction of all Soviet officials from the Province; (4) the unification with the Mohammedans in India, Bokhara (Bukhara, USSR, 64-20, 39-50) and Afghanistan in a declaration of a holy war against Communism and Russia.

4. When questioned on the how and where of these plans, [] answered (1) that the salaries of the instructors would be paid by a very wealthy Sart in Kashgar (Sufuhsien 75-69, 39-27), (2) that training would take place in the mountains where there are no Chinese soldiers or officials, and (3) that there is a considerable stockpile of arms and ammunition secreted in Tulufan (89-04, 42-57).

5. [] further stated that influential Sarts in Kuldja had received assurance from Soviet representatives that no Soviet interference on behalf of the Chinese would occur provided that Soviet interests would be protected during the revolt against the Chinese.

* [] Comment. This information is inconsistent with item 3, paragraph 3.)

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